

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission****Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With the Commission**

January 6, 2000.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* 2016-044.

c. *Date filed:* December 27, 1999.

d. *Applicant:* City of Tacoma.

e. *Name of Project:* Cowlitz River Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Cowlitz River, in Lewis County, Washington. About 5 acres are included within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Toby Freeman, Tacoma Power, 3628 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA 98411; (253) 502-8862.

i. *FERC Contact:* David Turner (202) 219-2844, Email: david.turner@ferc.fed.us

j. *Brief Project Description:* The 462-megawatt (MW) project consists of the following: (1) 606-foot-high, 1,300-foot-long Moosyrock Dam and powerhouse containing two generating units with a combined capacity of 300 MW, (2) 11,830-acre Riffe Lake at maximum operating pool elevation of 778.5 feet, (3) 250 foot-high, 850-foot-long Mayfield Dam and powerhouse containing four generating units with a combined capacity of 162 MW, (4) 2,250-acre Mayfield Lake at maximum operating pool elevation of 425 feet, (5) 17.9 miles of 230 kilovolt transmission line, (6) Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery, (7) a 400-foot-long, 28-foot-high zoned earthen embankment that connects to a 320-foot-long, 12-foot-high concrete fish barrier at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery, known as Barrier Dam, (8) Cowlitz Trout Hatchery, (9) Mossyrock Park, (10) Taidnapam Park, and other associated facilities.

k. *Locations of the application:* A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, D.C. 20426, or by calling (202) 208-1371. The application may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance). A copy is also available for inspection and

reproduction at the address in item h above.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6522-3]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reporting and Recordkeeping Activities Associated With EPA's SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that EPA is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Reporting and Recordkeeping Activities Associated with EPA's SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry, EPA ICR No. 1942.01. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a free copy of the proposed ICR, contact Scott Bartos, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, SW (6202J) Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Bartos, Program Manager Tel.: (202) 564-9167, Fax: (202) 565-2078, E-mail: bartos.scott@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this action are those which produce or cast magnesium and magnesium-based alloys.

Title: Reporting and Recordkeeping Activities Associated with EPA's SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry (EPA ICR No. 1942.01).

Abstract: In April 1993, President Clinton issued the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), which established a national commitment to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. EPA's newly launched SF₆ Emission Reduction

Partnership for the Magnesium Industry is an important voluntary program contributing to the country's overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Like Energy Star Buildings, the Voluntary Aluminum Industrial Partnership, the PFC Emission Reduction Partnership for the Semiconductor Industry, and other programs, the SF₆ Emission Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry is a voluntary effort aimed at preventing pollution before it is generated. These voluntary programs all focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and tracking progress by collecting information from partners on a periodic basis.

The SF₆ Emissions Reduction Partnership for the Magnesium Industry is a voluntary, non-regulatory program that promotes reduction of sulfur hexafluoride (SF₆) emissions from companies that melt and cast magnesium. These companies generally include primary magnesium plants and magnesium casting facilities. EPA's Climate Protection Division (CPD) manages the voluntary program.

SF₆ is the most potent greenhouse gas known; it is 23,900 times as effective as carbon dioxide (CO₂) at trapping heat in the Earth's atmosphere. Once released, it will remain in the atmosphere for more than 3,000 years. Magnesium companies use SF₆ gas to prevent the molten metal from violent oxidation (*i.e.*, burning or explosions).

EPA's partnership with the magnesium industry seeks to inform partners about available cost-effective emission reduction technologies and keep track of successful emission reduction efforts. EPA works with the U.S. magnesium companies and serves as a clearinghouse for technical information on strategies for reducing SF₆ emissions that are economically, technically, and environmentally sound. EPA will also conduct preliminary assessments of possible substitute gases and share this information with partners. Ultimately, EPA provides recognition to companies for their successes in reducing SF₆ emissions, either through certificates and awards or through assistance in publishing their achievements.

Participation in the program begins by completing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines EPA and partner company responsibilities. This MOU defines a voluntary agreement between the magnesium company and EPA. All U.S. magnesium producing and casting companies are invited to join the partnership. The MOU agreement can be terminated by either party 30 days after receipt of